

copending Application No. 09/929,796; and claims 1-44 of copending Application No. 10/390,280.

In response to the rejections, a Terminal Disclaimer is being filed herewith which complies with each and every provision of 37 C.F.R. §1.321 and 37 C.F.R. §1.130(b) and which disclaims the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of US 6,387,463; US 6,495,248; US 6,565,963; US 6,702,919; US 6,723,417; 6,598,372; and any patent granted on US Serial No. 10/390,280. Applicant respectfully submits that the double-patenting rejections of pending claims 1-11, 13-21, 23-30 and 32-65 have been obviated by the filing of the Terminal Disclaimer and requests reconsideration and withdrawal of such rejection of the claims.

Further, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are patentable over the art of record and are now in a condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Amendment, or the remarks contained herein, Applicant's agent would welcome the opportunity to discuss such matters with the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,



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